



2025:HHC:21577

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA

CWP Nos.10740 & 10746 of 2025

Decided on: 7th July, 2025

1. CWP No. 10740 of 2025

Baldev Singh.

....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

...Respondents

2. CWP No. 10746 of 2025

Naresh Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of H.P. & Ors.

...Respondents

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

¹ *Whether approved for reporting?*

For the petitioners: Mr. Naresh Kaul, Advocate .

For the respondents: Ms.Leena Guleria, Deputy Advocate General.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Notice. Ms. Leena Guleria, learned Deputy Advocate General, appears and waives service of notice on behalf of the respondents in both the petitions.

2. Petitioners are serving in the respondent- Jal

¹ *Whether reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment? yes*



Shakti Department and have prayed for direction to the respondents to grant them work charge status from the date they completed eight years of service with all incidental benefits.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the issue involved in the writ petitions and the relief prayed for by the petitioners are now covered by the decision rendered by the Hon'ble Apex Court in ***The State of Himachal Pradesh & Ors. Versus Surajmani & Anr.***². The respondent-Department was also the appellant before the Hon'ble Supreme Court in some of the connected matters. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners would be satisfied in case the respondents are directed to examine their cases in light of the aforesaid judgment within a fixed time schedule. Learned Deputy Advocate General is not averse to this prayer.

4. Having regard to the afore-submissions, but without examining the merits of the matter, these writ petitions are disposed of with direction to the respondents/competent authority to consider and decide the cases of the petitioners in accordance with law laid down in ***Surajmani***²

² Civil Appeal No.1595 of 2025, decided alongwith connected civil appeals on 06.02.2025



and pass appropriate order in accordance with law within six weeks from today. Copy of the order so passed, be also communicated to the petitioners.

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also to stand disposed of.

July 7, 2025
R.Atal

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge